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SUBJECT: REMOVAL BRIDGE ABUTMENTS - SUEZ CANAL

REF: CAIRO 9028

1. HAVE HAD FURTHER TALK WITH ADMIRAL CARROLL ABOUT SCA REQUEST FOR USG ASSISTANCE TO REMOVE TWO LARGE BRIDGE ABUTMENTS. HE POINTS OUT THESE ABUTMENTS ARE NOT PROPERLY PART OF SALVAGE OPERATION AND DO NOT CONSTITUTE AN OBSTACLE TO NAVIGATION. TO UTILIZE MURPHY-PACIFIC ASSETS NOW IN CANAL WOULD BE TIME-CONSUMING AND COSTLY. MURPHY-PACIFIC HAS GIVEN SCA AN ESTIMATE OF \$300,000. ABUTMENTS WILL OF COURSE HAVE TO BE REMOVED IN ANY CANAL EXPANSION EFFORT.

2. IN CIRCUMSTANCES, RECOMMEND WE BE AUTHORIZED INFORM SCA THAT WE HAVE CONSIDERED ITS REQUEST, BUT HAVE CONCLUDED THIS WORK CANNOT BE JUSTIFIED WITHIN SCOPE OF OUR MINE/ORDNANCE/SALVAGE CLEARANCE OPERATION. SINCE THESE ABUTMENTS DO NOT CONSTITUTE AN OBSTACLE TO NAVIGATION, WE BELIEVE THEIR REMOVAL FALLS MORE APPROPRIATELY INTO WORK OF CONTRACTOR WHO WILL EVENTUALLY BE AWARDED CANAL EXPANSION CONTRACT.
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